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"POLITICS MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS."



#### DIFFERENTLY EXPRESSED.

The same idea may be expressed in many different ways, according as the speaker's mode of thought is influenced by his surroundings.

Take, for example, a well-known adage and notice how the residents of several cities would put it.

"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

In Boston this might become:

"One thought of Browning, thoroughly assimilated, is more valuable than two in a state of mental nebulosity."

The New York version:

"Paper profits must be realized upon before they can add to one's bank account."

Translated into Chicagoese:

"One hog in the packing-room and ready for market is better than two on the hoof at the point of production."

Now go as far west as Denver:

"It is the cashed chips that count."

#### A WESTERN VIEW.

FIRST POPULIST.—They say there's a man goin' roun' that kin cure you of any disease by just holdin' yer hand.

SECOND POPULIST.—I don't believe no such nonsense. It's jes' a scheme of them Wall Street fellers to get people's minds off the money question.

#### GOOD REASON.

"I wonder why a busy man like Jenks should want to go to the legislature?"

"I don't know — unless he needs the money."

THE PURSUIT of Pleasure would n't be so wearing on us if Trouble did n't keep getting in our way every little while.

JUST ABOUT the time we get ready to do something worth while we find that it has already been done by somebody else.

#### THREE POINTS OF VIEW.



This is Miss X —



This is how her brother thinks she looks.



This is how her lover thinks she looks.

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#### EVIDENTLY A DEGENERATE.

MADGE.—Hevings! See dat short-stop jump outen de way uv dat hot one!

PANSY.—Shucks! And dat 's de feller dat says his ole man wuz wit' Hobson on de Merrimac! Dat shows wot ancestry amounts to!

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### THE UNKNOWN.

O cities I have never seen!  
In dreams I walk your ways,  
Worn pavements where the great have been  
In old Italian days.  
Through modern *strasse* and narrow *gasse*  
Of German cities olden,  
By Moorish tower and dome I pass  
In Spanish sunlight golden.

Through storied London's foggy street  
I see the gaslights flaring;  
I hear the tread of British feet,  
Also the cabmen swearing.  
From *Rues*, where gay Parisians swarm,  
To low Dutch door-steps scrubbed and  
clean—  
They have some dim, mysterious charm,  
The cities I have never seen.

O friend that I have never known!  
How could I do without you?  
Through many years of faith you've grown  
So near I could not doubt you.  
You lend when other friends have flown,  
The best cigars you buy me.  
O friend that I have never known!  
You, only, satisfy me!

Ah! maid that I have never met,  
Your charms they quite undo me.  
They steal through business-care and  
fret,  
And subtly, sweetly, woo me:  
Your grace is half of noblest queen,  
And half of simplest child, I think;  
Your eyes are lakes of blue, serene,  
At which I, weary, pause to drink.

A man might well be stricken blind,  
Content if once to view them;  
Your arms, so snowy white and kind,  
In dreams I fly unto them.  
I've never known another girl  
I could not easily forget.  
I'd give them all for one dear curl  
Of her I never met!

O'Neill Latham.



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### THE DRUMMER'S NARRATIVE.

"BLUFFINGTON is one of my best customers," said the drummer, "but we were not always on as good terms as we are now."

"No?" said his friend.

"No. I never had any hard feelings, but Bluffington had. I called on him, the first time, in the Spring of eighty-seven. He had been, originally, an amiable and sweet-tempered individual—so he tells me—but a multitude of drummers

had soured him. In the Spring of eighty-seven I did n't know what had soured him, but I was aware that he was sour. Consequently, when he opened the conversation by stating that he was overstocked with goods, would n't look at samples, would n't listen to me, would n't waste time on any drummer, no matter what profane adjective might be necessary to describe him, I was not surprised, but proceeded to reason with him gently for a quarter of an hour. Thereupon, his profanity increased, he showed me the door, hinted at assault and battery, and finally threatened to call a policeman to put me out or arrest me for disorderly conduct. I was in some doubt whether I should have continued my efforts to sell him a line of goods on that occasion, but I had some other customers to see that afternoon, so I apologized for leaving abruptly and took my departure.

"When I called the next day he gave another shocking exhibition of profanity and bad temper and again spoke of sending for a policeman. I pointed out to him that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be arrested for trying to sell goods; that such a proof of my professional zeal could not fail to increase the esteem in which my employers held me and might result in substantial pecuniary advantage to me. On the other hand, I reminded him of the well-known fact that you can never find a policeman when you want him and stated that, desirable as it was that I should be arrested, I feared it was impracticable at the moment. These arguments made him hesitate. He who hesitates looks at samples. He who looks at samples is

lost—if not, the drummer ought to be ashamed of himself. In fifteen minutes I had made a sale. In half an hour Bluffington and I were taking a drink."



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### ONE BY ONE.

MR. NEWGARDEN (on his return home).—Why, Mary, what in the world are you doing? You look tired to death!

MRS. NEWGARDEN.—I am absolutely exhausted! I have been all day planting these grass seeds, and have only done about three yards. The seeds are so awfully small!



HER PREFERENCE.

ETHEL.—The man I marry must be a hero—one who can beard the lion in his den!  
PERCY.—I see. Kind of a combination circus-man and barber!

A SUBURBAN SUNDAY INCIDENT.

Every bright Summer Sunday afternoon the enthusiastic suburbanite photographs his easy-monthly-payment cottage. Mrs. Isolate, of lovely Lonelyville, dresses especially for the occasion and sits in the red porch bench, languidly reading a novel; Mr. Isolate knocks off from mowing the lawn or whatever he may be doing, puts on a dressing-gown over his denim jumper and overalls, and poses patting the head of the cast-iron lawn dog, getting an obliging suburban neighbor to push the button.

If there is a baby, it is washed, dressed and posed playing with ABC blocks, and the pictures are taken as instantaneously as possible. This photographing of the cottage is as much of the suburbanite's Sunday programme as is the sifting of the week's accumulation of ashes. It occurs at about three o'clock. It commences by someone bringing out his or

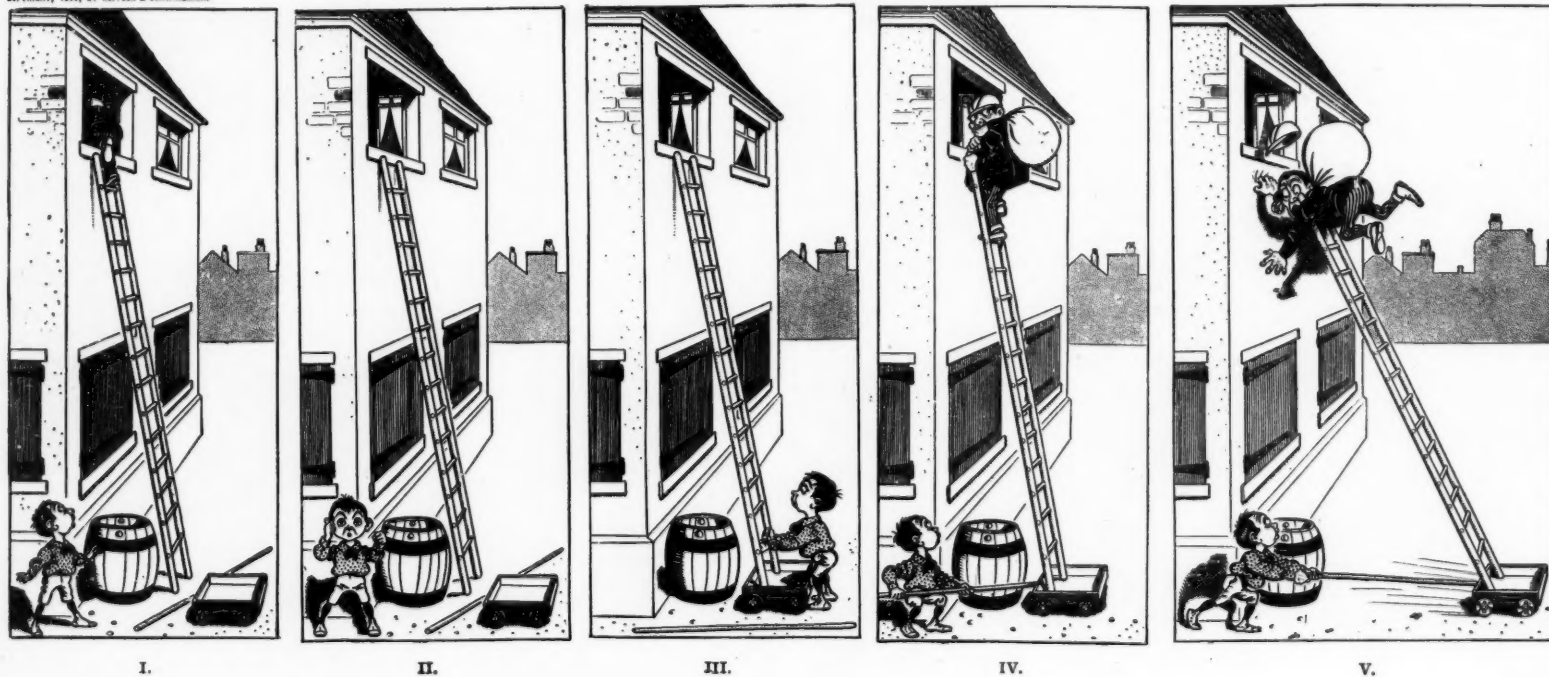
her camera, word passes from lip to lip, and suburbanites may be seen in all directions, dropping shovel, hoe or lawnmower, hastening to and from their cottages with cameras and posing in hurriedly donned negligé finery. The sounds of hammering and carpet-beating cease, and, for a time, the little suburb is as quiet and peaceful as Central Park.

After the photographs are taken, Mrs. Isolate exchanges her Summer novel for a cook-book, and her tea-gown for some other wearing apparel in which she can cook tea; Mr. Isolate carefully packs away his dressing-gown in camphor to lie until the next bright Sunday, takes up the hoe or lawnmower, dampens his palms and begins, once more, to commune with Nature.

Con. C. Converse.

BRAVE BENNY, THE BURGLAR BOUNCER; OR, HOW A NOBLE YOUTH SAVED HIS FATHER'S GOLD.

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THE MUSIC OF KISSES.

WHEN two women kiss each other—  
As they often do, you know,  
With a woful waste of sweetness—  
We denote it, *staccato*



When a maiden lets a fellow,  
While they walk, or ride, or row,  
Kiss her—though she rather likes it—  
It is thus-wise: *legato*



When a sweet, impulsive darling  
Has a dad whom she calls "Pa,"  
And he buys his pet a sealskin,  
His reward is, *bravura*



When a girl is greenly jealous,  
'Cause another steals her beau,  
And she turns for balm to flirting,  
She smacks back, *fortissimo*



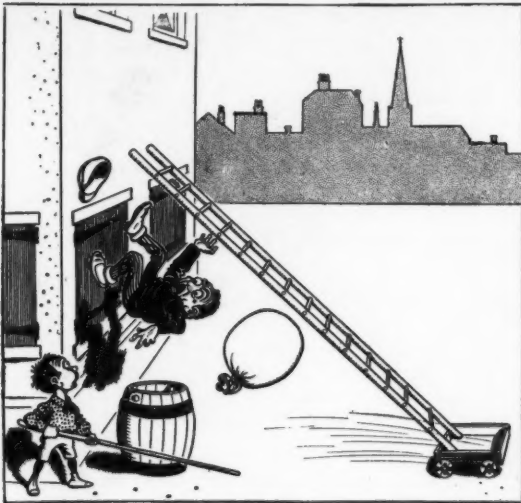
But when love is one and only,  
When two souls together flow,  
When the angels stoop to listen,  
It's just, *pianissimo*

O!



Paul Pastnor.

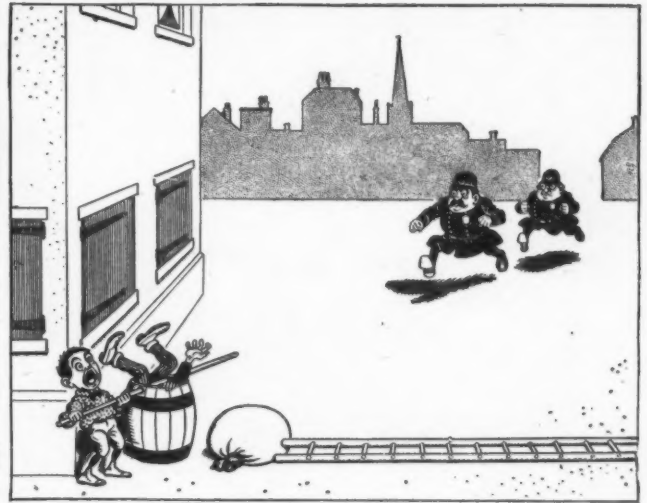




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VIII.

### A DISSEMBLER.

MR. ISOLATE (*of Lonelyville*).—I don't think our new neighbor, Mr. Plaza, will ever make a thorough suburbanite.

MR. HERMITAGE (*of ditto, interestedly*).—No?

MR. ISOLATE (*in confidence, deprecatingly*).—No. He has painted his market-basket green and carries a trout rod with him whenever he goes to the city, to give persons the impression that he is going fishing.

### CONTRADICTORY.

GRUMPY.—You women have no sense of humor. (*Savagely.*) What're you laughing at?

WIFE.—Nothing; just the way you put the lighted end of your cigar in your mouth.

GRUMPY (*ferociously*).—Well, I must say! Does n't seem to take anything to make you women laugh!



IX.

### NO CROWDING.

WILLIAMSON.—Money will not take a man to the top, Henderson.

HENDERSON.—I know; but it will give him a lot more room at the bottom.

### AN INQUIRY.

"I believe California has been called 'the Italy of America.'"

"How is that? Are there any more dagos there than there are here?"

### TOO SLOW.

MOTHER.—Why did you strike Bobby?

TOMMY.—I told him I'd knock him down if he called me a liar, and—

MOTHER.—And did he call you one?

TOMMY.—No'm; he was n't quick enough.

### THE EXPLANATION.

HIS LORDSHIP.—Yes; I've played golf in Scotland, but I've enjoyed the game more in this country.

MISS GOTROX.—Indeed? How is that?

HIS LORDSHIP.—Why, I did n't meet any American girls in Scotland, doncherknow?

### HARD LUCK.

"Yes; he was our oldest inhabitant — ninety - nine when he died. His last years were very sad."

"How was that?"

"A New York reporter interviewed him and the old gentleman's statement was boiled down from two columns to half a column."

### UNWELCOME.

When Death on his Pale Horse came, she was not ready.

"Wait a minute!" she said, brusquely.

Was it because she was the child of wealth and taught that manners were for carriage company, only?



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### OUTRAGEOUS.

JAY HAYRAKE (*at continuous performance*).—Gol darn it! Mandy, them's the same two actors that come out three hours ago an' they're doin' the same old tricks! This is another o' them cheats!

### "WHEN A WOMAN WILL—"

"It might be a good plan to put women in charge of the Weather Bureau."

"Why?"

"It would n't be long before they'd find some way to arrange the weather to suit themselves."

TOO MUCH SO.

The disagreeable Mr. Blivens, who had succeeded in obtaining an introduction to the dignified Mr. Bellingham, met that gentleman on the street a few days after the introduction. He slapped him on the shoulder and exclaimed:

"Hello, Bellingham, old man! How are you?"

Bellingham looked him straight in the eye and said, coldly:

"Your manner is very familiar, sir, but I do not recall your name."

Then Mr. Bellingham passed on, without any effort to recall it.

A BIBLICAL EXPLANATION.

MRS. PECK.—I could never understand why there are no marriages in Heaven, as the Bible says is the case.

HENRY.—Well, there has got to be some way to distinguish it from the other place.

NO ESCAPE.

"And then," said the man who knew the singer, "there 'll be the encore."

"He won't get any encore," predicted the other man.

"He 'll take one," observed the first individual, sadly.

HIS CONJECTURE.

FIRST BOARDER.—What is meant by "making the welkin ring?"

SECOND BOARDER.—I believe welkin means the air.

FIRST BOARDER.—H'm! The phrase has such a cheerful sound I thought it might mean the dinner-bell.

PROBABLE.

THE PROFESSOR.—I'm making a microscopical examination of a deceased mosquito.

FRIEND.—Well, I suppose the autopsy is more likely to show concussion of the brain than heart-failure.

ONE HALF does n't know how the other half live;

Of this there is scarcely a doubt;

And were it their business, we'd freely forgive

The persistent attempts to find out!

A REBUKE.

THE YOUNG ONE.—There's a couple of bantams fighting just behind you.

THE COPPER.—G'wan back to yer shell! Phwat sort av a chicken are yez to be wantin' to shpile a har-rumless foight?

ON MYRA'S HEART.

THIS HOUSE TO LET!—the agency  
Is Cupid's, and he holds the key;  
The tenant must be young and hale,  
Honest, of course, and without fail  
One he can recommend to me.

Nay, Cræsus, take your gold and flee  
Back to your brokers, instantly;  
You're misinformed, it's not For Sale!  
This House To Let!

If I can find the proper he  
A life-long lease I'll let it be.  
Construction modern,  
nothing frail;  
In good repair—a mere  
detail—  
And warm—that I will  
guarantee!  
This House To Let!  
Edward W. Barnard.

HIGHER PRAISE.

FIRST SUBURBANITE.—

Jones is a model of urbanity.

SECOND SUBURBANITE.—I should prefer to call him a model of suburbanity.

AMENDING THE DOCTRINE.

FIRST TRAMP.—'T ain't correct to say de unexpected always happens.

SECOND TRAMP.—No; I'd say it most always happens when it's least expected.

THE TEUTONIC VERSION.

HANS.—I haf not much money—

GRETCHEN.—Ah! But can not we live on bread undt schweitzer kase undt kisses?

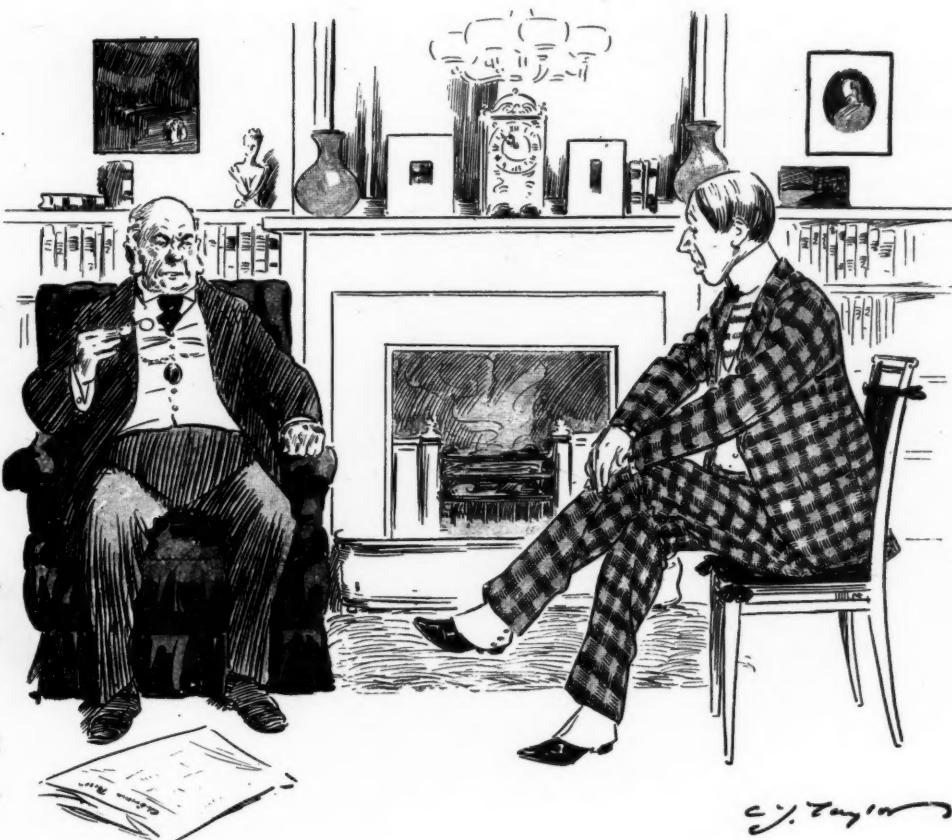
A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY.

MR. GOTROX.—I suppose you thoroughly realize that marriage is a serious matter?

MR. DUDELY.—Well, I should say yes, ye know! Such a deucedly twying and sewious matter, deciding just whom to invite and whom to leave out, ye know!



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THE WRONG  
KIND OF  
AMERICAN.

PUCK, as his readers well know, has never stickled for strict immigration laws; but, if he were at the head of things, he would pass a law right away to deport every single American who has to wear the brand of another country in front of his Americanism. The man who, having become a citizen of the United States in law, feels it necessary to describe himself as an Irish-American or a German-American, has obtained his citizenship rights under false pretenses. He is not a citizen in fact. The constitution makes no provision for such hermaphroditic citizenship, and so anomalous a freak can never be anything but a source of strife. We refer, of course, exclusively to the political and not the ethnic sense of the term. There are plenty of Irish-Americans and plenty of German-Americans who never think of or call themselves such, who are just as American as any one. And so of the Afro-Americans, the term being a polite, politician's substitute for the word negro. These genuine citizens need never be confounded with the spurious German, Irish, Italian or Franco-Americans. The latter may be detected instantly by their attitude toward any measure affecting their native countries. For example: the attitude of certain Irish-Americans and German-Americans on the question of our relations with Great Britain. It need not be said that that is a question about which the best of Americans may differ; but it certainly should be said that the Irish-American or the German-American who settles it as if he were still an Irishman or still a German is not an honest citizen, and ought to be hustled out of the country because he is here under

false pretenses. The bad citizenship of it is so apparent and so serious that it almost obscures the ludicrous side of the love-feast now being held by our Irish and German fuss-mongers; — which is saying a good deal.

THE  
BIGGEST  
TRUST.

TAMMANY is against Trusts. Its leaders have said so in language of varying grammatical nicety but of unvarying severity. The Trusts have no fiercer foe than Tammany. But, what are we to think? For Tammany, when you talk of Trusts, is about the trustiest kind of a Trust that you could find. We read of Trusts every day in every imaginable commodity; but there is not one of them from sugar to shoe-laces that, alongside of Tammany, deserves the name for a moment. Mr. Croker has very kindly told us a great deal about it. Of course, there were some things he would n't tell, because they were "private matters." Gauging what he withheld by what he was pleased to disclose, he was most wise. Sing Sing is full of men who have been unable to conceal their "private matters" from a morbidly inquiring public. But Mr. Croker has told quite enough to make all other Trust magnates blush for their lack of nerve. He says frankly that no Judge can remain on the bench in New York who does not help Tammany to extract revenue from the city. He has even outlined, very obligingly, the precise methods by which the Judges he has elected work the machinery of their offices to put money into his own pocket. We have n't learned all about Trusts, but we have learned to tell one when we see it. And so we have a curious, shivery little feeling when we hear Tammany orators denouncing Trusts.

AN ESTEEMED  
CONTEMPORARY.

IT SEEMS to have been the belief in New York that a one-cent morning paper had to be "yellow" to succeed. What the reasons for thinking so were we can not imagine. It was perhaps one of those beliefs that go as a matter of course, unquestioned. Perhaps our two chief exponents of sensationalism fostered it. At any rate it existed, and when the *Times* dropped its price from three cents to one cent the forecasts of its fate were all alike. It would have to go into the sewer along with the *World* and the *Journal*, or else go to the wall. That was six months ago and the publishers now admit that the step they took was taken in the dark; but they report, very happily, its entire success. The *Times*, they tell us, has more than quadrupled its paid-for circulation; it published in a recent week one hundred columns of advertisements more than in the corresponding week of last year; and a steady growth is carrying the figures in both departments, we are assured, "higher and higher." PUCK felicitates the *Times* upon its success and upon the high character of the newspaper it gets out. And he is also glad to know that a clean, dignified newspaper can do so well in this community at so low a price.

WHEN PAVEMENTS ROARED.



O Teacup Times and Stage-coach Days  
The ballade-and-the-rondeau man  
Attunes his reminiscent lays  
And chants the quaintness of Queen Anne.

To-morrow's rhymster deft will mold  
A new refrain. The noise that  
bored  
His sires will fade to "tunes of old,  
Romantic days when pavements roared."

No clatter at the playhouse door,  
No sparks hit off by iron-shod feet;  
The healthy hum of days of yore  
Shall flee affrighted from the street.

For champing bits or jangling chains,  
For ring of hoofs he'll vainly hark,  
A silent, sable serpent trains  
His clicking path around the Park.

Then, ho! for cab and cart and team —  
Let draft horse strain, let leader prance!  
We'll live the life our sons shall dream, —  
Anticipate our own romance!  
Arthur Brown Ruhl.

EXCULPATORY.

"You're no Democrat! You attended a banquet  
that cost ten dollars a plate!"  
"Yes; but it was n't worth it!"

TOO MANY cooks spoil the broth, and the same too many  
of them tell you that if you don't like it you can get  
others in their places.

IT IS a sad fact that the war hero becomes, in time of  
peace, a zero.

AT THE AFRO-AMERICAN CLUB.

"I s'pose dem folks in Samoa am cullud?"  
"I spec' dey is. Why?"  
"I wuz jes' t'inkin' if a feller had a pull wid de Administration he  
might git app'inted King ob Samoa."



DID N'T WANT TO GO HOME.

SALOONKEEPER. — Look here, Boozer! if you don't brace up, this cold  
weather will freeze you before you get home!  
BOOZER. — That 'sh all right! I'd sooner be froze by weazzer zan roasted  
by m' wife!



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"—AND PEACE SHALL RULE."

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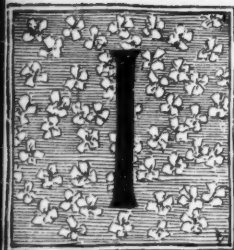


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# THE VIEWS OF VIOLA.

ON THE VERNAL SEASON.



"IS N'T Spring perfectly lovely?" asked Viola. She was seated on the porch, well wrapped against the chill breezes of April, and a copy of Whittier fluttered in her lap. Below, in the garden, a few valorous daffodils and narcissus were peeping up through the brown mold, and the gardener was tacking a wistaria vine into impossible and unlovely positions against the trellis.

"It makes one feel so good and—and gentle, don't you think? The air is so mild and sleepy, and—thank you!" Viola drew her scarf closer about her throat and tried to disguise a shiver into a sigh of luxurious content. "And are n't the flowers sweet? Can't see them? Where are your eyes? There are three, four, five, nearly a dozen of them. Oh! I'm so glad that Spring has come!" Viola forgot her scarf and the Spring zephyr twisted it around the gardener's head.

"Thank you! Is n't the sun warm? You had n't noticed it? Do you know, I believe you never do notice whether it is raining or shining or—or what it's doing! Men are so blind. When you're with me? Well, I had much rather you looked at the lovely blue sky; and I don't believe that that is a compliment at all. Anyhow, it's not a compliment that I care about. You'd say the same thing to anyone you happened to be with. Yes, you would, too!"

"When I was young—" Viola paused and looked perplexed. "What are you laughing at, please? But I am old. I'm—yes, I will! I don't mind you knowing how old I am at all. I'm—Ethel Gregg? She said so? Well, that sounds well, coming from her! Why, she's twenty-two, if she's a day. Indeed, she is! And—but there, I am not going to say mean things on a day like this. What is it, I wonder, that makes one feel forgiving and kind at this season? I'm sure, if Ethel Gregg had said that last Winter I should have told you—well, something she would n't like to have known. Tell you now? No, I sha'n't! I'll be charitable.

"I do believe it's clouding up! Who was it that called April capricious? Shakspeare, you say? Was it? Well, I suppose it's safe to say so; he said about everything there was to say. It must be awfully hard for writers and poets and authors, nowadays, to find something that has n't already been said by Shakspeare. How do you suppose he ever found time to say—I mean write—so much?"

"But April is capricious, is n't it? A little while ago it was quite warm and sunny, and now it's really—er—rather inclined to be chilly at moments. You're freezing? Nonsense! Who ever heard of anyone being cold in April? Now, there is no sense in you sitting there and wriggling around that way. You can't be as cold as that!"

"I wonder," continued Viola, searching in her lap for the tiny square of lace which she dignified with the name of handkerchief, and which at that moment was fluttering wildly from a wistaria twig; "I wonder why it can't be arranged so that we can have it Spring all the time? What did you say? 'Heaven forbid?' Why? I'm sure Spring is the very nicest season of all; and if it was always Spring I'm certain that the world would be very, very much better. You see, people are inclined to be careless about—about other people in Summer; I suppose it's the heat. And in Winter it's the same way, because it's too cold to care much about the poor and the—the troubled. And, then, in Autumn—well, in Autumn there's so much to do: moving back to



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## EASIER.

NORTHERN VISITOR (in Georgia).—I see you raise hogs almost exclusively about here. Do you find they pay better than corn and potatoes? NATIVE (slowly).—Wal, no;—but, yer see, stranger, hogs don't need hoeing!

town, you know, and all that; and Winter dresses to be made; and so we are selfish and forgetful.

"But in Spring you always feel good and generous, and want to do things for others, and make dresses for the poor, and give money to the Fresh Air Fund, and get up picnics—the horrid, nasty things!—for the benefit of churches and Sunday schools, and give lawn parties for charity; and when you come across a beggar on the avenue you always stop and give him all your car-fare and have to walk home. Oh! Spring's very different. Don't you always feel very, very good and virtuous in Spring?"

"You only feel cold? Now, you are just trying to be as disagreeable as you can! I just hate to have people trifle when I am really and truly in earnest. Why can't you be serious? It's so—so little to be always making fun of everything, and—Dear me! just see how dark it has got! And I really believe it is—yes, it is—really snowing! Is n't that horrid? And what do you suppose those poor, sweet little flowers will do? 'Serves them right?' Beast!"

Viola drew her wrap tightly about her shoulders and shivered. She observed the leaden sky aggrievedly.

"Spring," began Viola; then she arose and strolled carelessly toward the door.

"Since you are suffering with the cold," she announced, scathingly, "I suppose we had better go in and ask Wilson to light the fire in the library. And, since you can't find any sentiment in Spring and flowers and such things, perhaps you can find something to awaken a slight degree of enthusiasm in the buffet in the dining-room. And—and please do come in quick and shut that door!"

Richard Stillman Powell.



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## ACCOUNTED FOR.

MRS. SCHOPPIN.—Dear me! Why does Mrs. Advantz persist in wearing such an old-fashioned, worn-out and positively disreputable-looking bonnet?

MRS. BINTHAIR.—Why, she is a candidate for the presidency of "The Woman's Auxiliary Society for the Suppression of Everything," and she wants to have the good-will of every woman in the organization.



## THE TWO FRIENDS.



SPIDER and a Centipede went out to take a walk;  
The Centipede said frankly, "I will listen while you talk,  
But I may appear distracted, or assume a vacant stare,  
Because to keep my feet in step requires my constant care."

Said the Spider, "I appreciate your most peculiar case,  
And your feet must be quite handy when you want to run a race;  
But though you gain in some ways, in some other ways you lose;  
And, of course, my friend, you must be quite extravagant in shoes."

"Ah! yes. Ah! yes," a heavy sigh escaped the Centipede;  
"And I have other trials, too; — my life is hard, indeed!  
Why, sometimes when I'm very tired, a long, long time it takes  
To ascertain with certainty which foot it is that aches."

"And when I go to dancing-class on Saturdays at three,  
I find the First Position very difficult for me.  
Though I put my best foot foremost, and good time I try to keep,  
To my chagrin, I often find a foot or two asleep."

Athletics I attempted, but, alas! I must admit  
That every exercise I tried I put my foot in it.  
I think I'll join a foot-ball team, — as many friends suggest, —  
Before I've one foot in the grave and gout in all the rest."

But now I'll say good-morning; for, my friend, I have to stop  
And get my boots blacked neatly at this little bootblack's shop;  
And, as you may imagine, it will keep me here some time,  
And, what is worse, I'll have to pay him many a hard-earned dime."

The Spider said good-morning, and pursued his way alone,  
And as he went he murmured, in a thoughtful undertone:  
"I'm a happy little Spider, and I'm very glad, indeed,  
That I was born an octopede and not a centipede!"

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"Why, he was n't guilty of any irregularities, was he?"  
"No; but he'd like to prove it."

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WOMAN. — If you'll saw that pile of wood.  
HOB0 (with an injured air). — Do I look like a ten-dollar-a-plate Democrat?



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EMMA. — Papa, if green means forsaken, does the giving of an emerald to  
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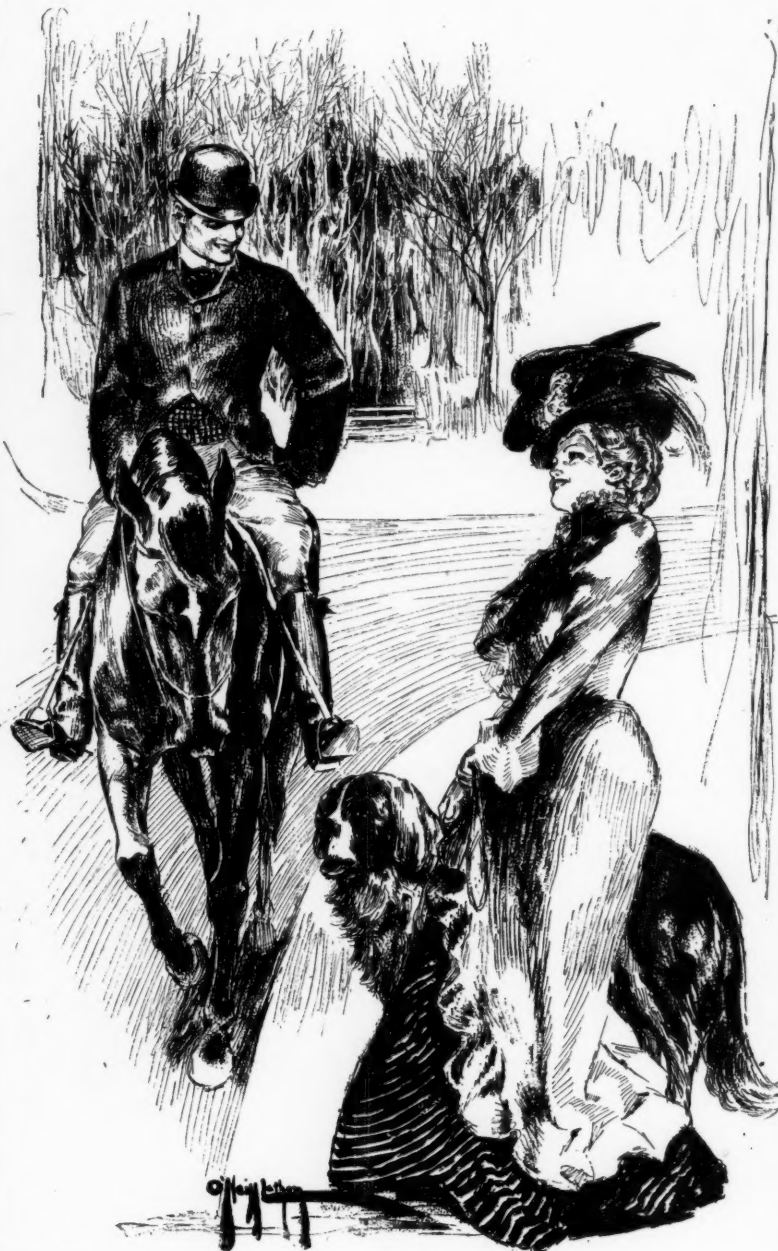
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JAMES G. BATTERSON, Pres't.  
Hartford, Conn., January 1, 1899.

**PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$1,000,000.00**  
**ASSETS.**

Real Estate.....	\$2,009,684.43
Cash on hand and in Bank.....	1,510,090.17
Loans on bond and mortgage, real estate, 5,785,923.99	
Interest accrued, but not due.....	261,279.62
Loans on collateral security.....	1,182,327.64
Loans on this Company's Policies.....	1,175,489.24
Deferred Life Premiums.....	324,697.95
Premiums due and unreported on Life Policies.....	251,120.97
United States Bonds.....	14,000.00
State, County and Municipal Bonds.....	3,614,032.58
Railroad stocks and bonds.....	6,658,373.37
Bank stocks.....	1,066,122.50
Other stocks and bonds.....	1,462,300.00

Total Assets ..... **\$25,315,442.46**

### LIABILITIES.

Reserve, 4 per cent., Life Department.....	\$18,007,596.00
Reserve for Re-insurance, Accident Department.....	1,399,372.80
Present value, Installment Life Policies.....	507,044.00
Reserve for claims resisted for Employers.....	439,101.55
Losses in process of adjustment.....	220,243.33
Life Premiums paid in advance.....	35,267.68
Special Reserve for unpaid taxes, rents, etc.....	110,000.00
Special Reserve, Liability Department.....	100,000.00
Reserve for anticipated change in rate of interest.....	400,000.00

Total Liabilities ..... **\$21,209,625.36**

Excess Security to Policy Holders.....	\$4,105,817.10
Surplus to Stockholders.....	\$3,105,817.10

### STATISTICS TO DATE.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.	
Life Insurance in force.....	\$97,352,821.00
New Life Insurance, written in 1898.....	16,087,551.00
Insurance on installment plan at commuted value.	
Returned to Policy-holders in 1898.....	1,382,008.95
Returned to Policy-holders since 1864.....	14,532,359.52

### ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT.

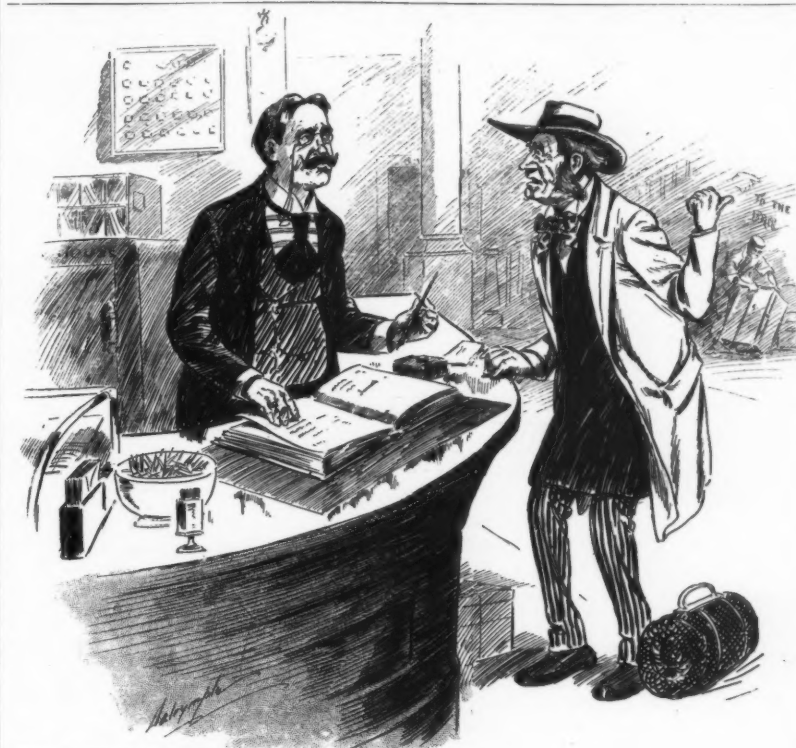
Number Accident Claims paid in in 1898.....	16,260
Whole number Accident Claims paid.....	324,250
Returned to Policy-holders in 1898.....	\$1,254,500.81
Returned to Policy-holders since 1864.....	\$2,464,596.75

### TOTALS.

Returned to Policy-holders in 1898.....	\$2,636,509.76
Returned to Policy-holders since 1864.....	36,996,956.27

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JOHN E. MORRIS, Secretary.  
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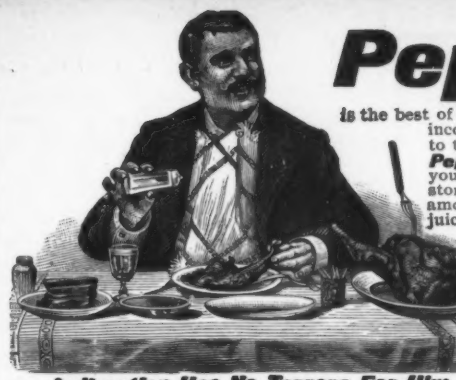


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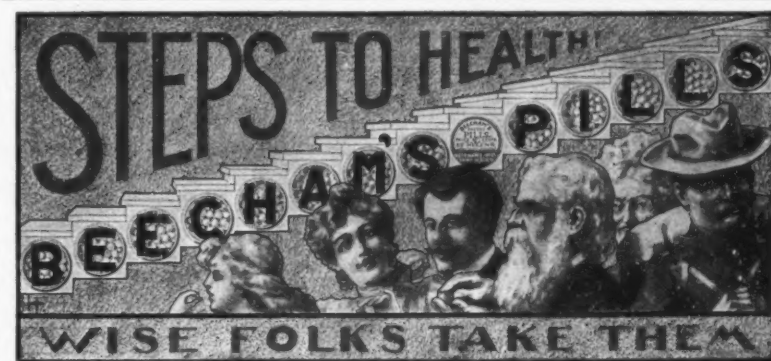


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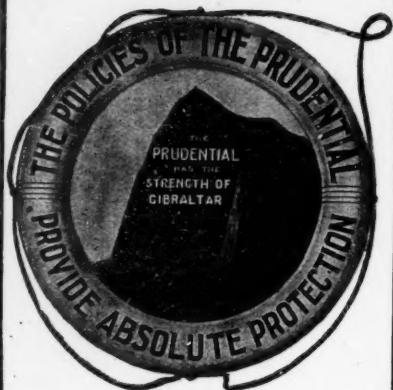
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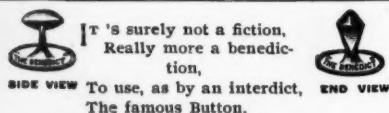
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“You know a smatterin' of Latin and a smear of Greek, but do you know where you are at? You know a little trigonometry and a few logarithms and a little about the ologies and so on and so on and so forth, but do you know anything at all about things? You are acquainted with words, but do you know men? Can you write a letter that the other feller can read every word of and thoroughly understand what you are tryin' to git at? Can you fill out a bank-check properly; and, incidentally, have you got the most remote idea how to fill up a bank account so's the aforesaid check will gain you anything better than the horse-laugh when you present it to the hawk-eyed man behind the counter?”

“Have you got it impressed upon you that it never hurts a man to wilt his collar by gittin' a little honest sweat on it, and that the long-green in your pocket-book is a heap-sight better than long hair on your head? Have you found out how to write an ordinary promissory note so that it won't reach out in a day or hour that you wot not and skin your financial pelt 'bff over your head? Can you accurately measure lumber, cider and your feller-men? In short, briefly and to the point, have you really learned anything but empty forms, words and phrases? I know you have a bulgin' brow on you, but so has a common, everyday snappin'-turtle, only his is on his back; and I have more than once known a graduate who had less genuine wisdom behind his bulgin' brow than a snappin'-turtle has under his'n. In this day and age there are too many promisin' and too few payin' young men. There are too many comin' men;—what we suffer and yearn for is the got-here-already kind of men. You are educated, but have you got?—aw, well, never mind! I guess you'll git along all right, anyhow; people say you take after me.”

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## SEAT OF THE TROUBLE.

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NEW BOARDER.—That's the point. I think mine badly needs a shave.

## CATCHING THE OLD MAN.

LITTLE CLARENCE.—Pa, I saw a man yesterday who had no hands to play the piano.

MR. CALLIPERS.—How, for goodness sake, did he play it?

LITTLE CLARENCE.—He did n't.

## INVITATION.

“Come, gentle Spring!” he wrote.  
And then, as if that he  
Had doubts about her coming,  
He wrote, “R. S. V. P.”



## CONFIDENCE IN THE FORCE.

NEWSDEALER.—Police investigation? Oh, yes! the papers are full of it.  
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THE BOY.—Could n't sell him! I kin git along widout money but I cud n't git along widout de dog!

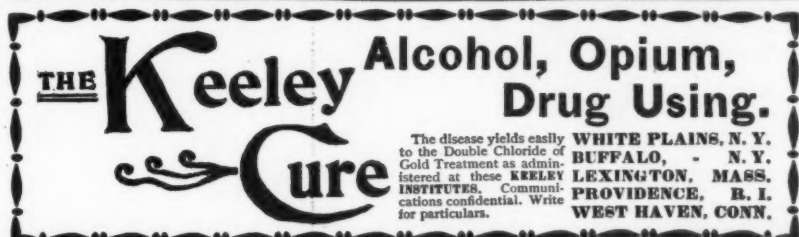
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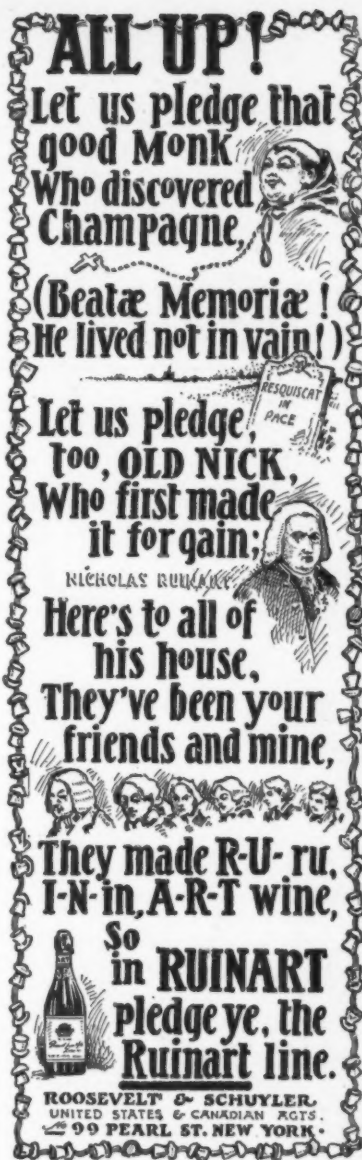
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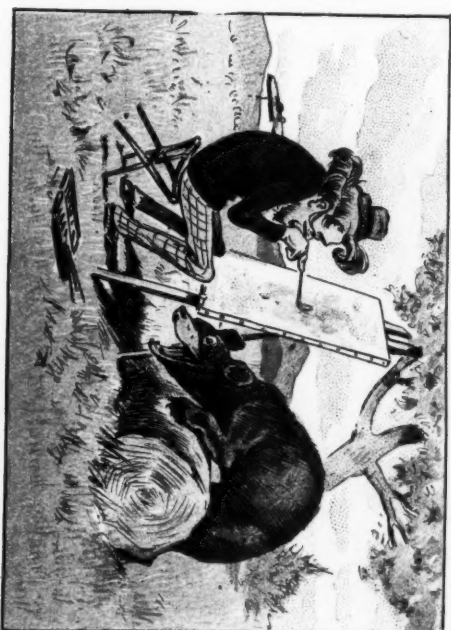
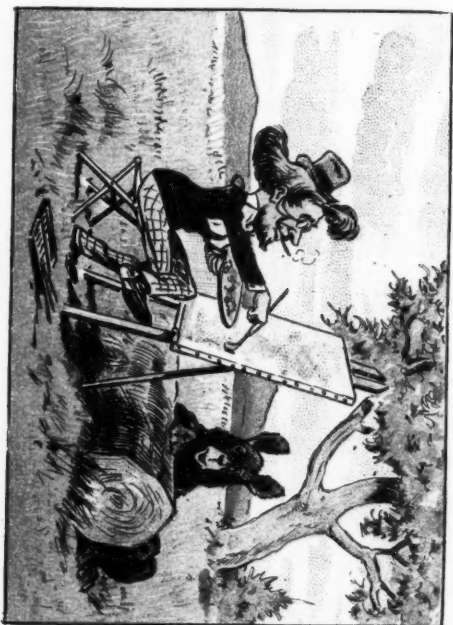
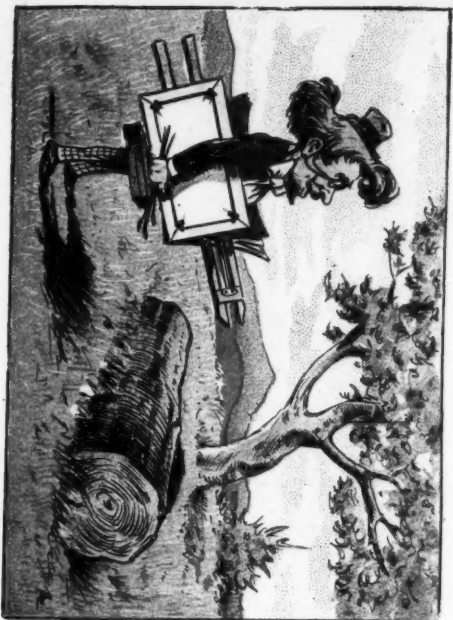
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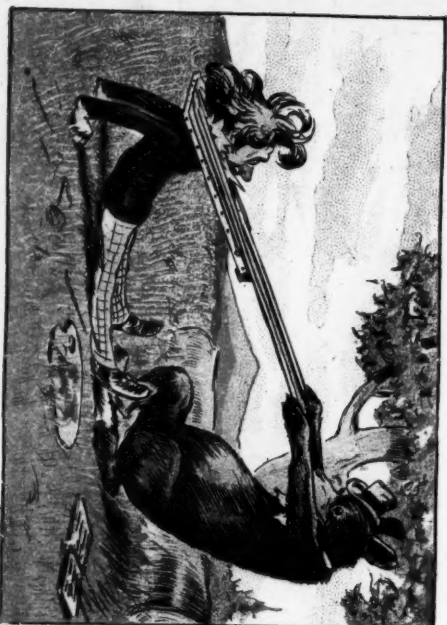
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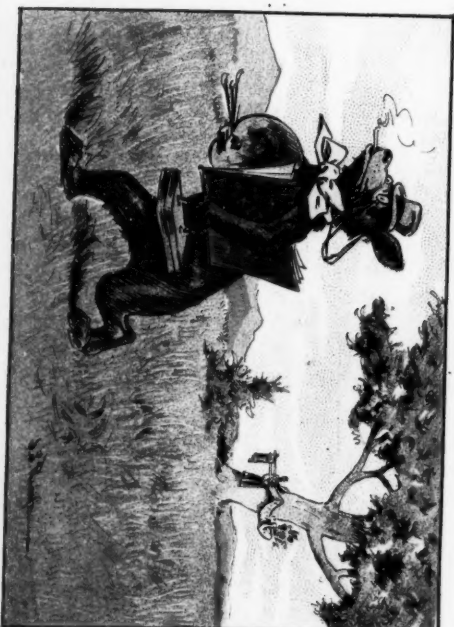
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BEARING THE ART MARKET.